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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 28, 2003 (Paper No. 20), and the Advisory Action of September 10, 2003 (Paper No. 25), applicants request reconsideration. In addition, in order to place the application in better form for appeal or in condition for allowance, applicants request entry of the following amendments. Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal on July 28, 2003; therefore this response is timely filed.